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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed July 8, 2004, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.